GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1897
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2007
ASSESSMENT OF NEW RAILWAY ZONES
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evaluated the improvement/development in the system as had been laid down while creating new Railway Zones/Divisions in Indian Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which success has been achieved so far in efficiency of the Railways particularly in the punctuality of running of the trains and security of the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1897 BY SHRI MANORAJAN BHAKTA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2007 REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF NEW RAILWAY ZONES.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): With the creation of smaller administrative railway zones, it has been possible to achieve an all round improvement in the functioning of the railways due to better supervision and monitoring. Since all zones contribute to the performance of the Indian Railways as a whole, the improvement in overall performance of the Indian Railways indicate a significant contribution of the new zones, which can be well judged from the following indices:

	2001-02 (Before Reorganization)	2005-06 (After Reorganization)
Passengers Originating (in Millions)	5093	6237
Passenger Earnings (in Crores)	11162.2	17181.99
Freight Loading (in Million Tonnes)	492.5	727.3
Freight Earnings (in Crore)	24586.8	41754.9
Operating Ratio (in Percentage)	96.2%	78.54%

(c): The punctuality performance of Mail/Express trains over Indian Railways for the last three years viz. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is as under:-

2004-05 (BG)	2005-06 (BG)	2006-07 (BG)(Provisional)
90.8	91.2	91.5

It is pertinent to mention that maintenance of law and order is a State subject and powers to investigate in Indian Penal Code (IPC) crimes are vested with Police. Thus, the Ministry of Railways has to depend largely on them for control of crime over Railways.

However, to provide better security to the travelling passengers in trains and passenger areas, Railways is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways by deploying Railway Protection Force to escort trains and on access control duties at Railway Stations with effect from 1st July 2004. The Railway Protection Force staff is being deployed to escort about 1400 trains on an average in addition to about 2200 trains being escorted on an average by Government Railway Police.